

Table 1. Unique polymorphisms in the HIV-1 sequences isolated from patient 671 that are present in the whole period of infection.

Region in HIV-1	aa number ¹	Polymorphism (amino acid sequences)	Consensus B
Gag	118 464 541	3 aa (QAE) insertion 10 aa (QSRPEPTAPP) duplication stopcodon ²	S
Pol	196 (RT 41) 370 (RT 215) 621-624	L Y ³ , D IPIK	M T VSLN/T
Nef	48-49	2 aa deletion ⁴	
Env	423-425	LYK	QFG

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2. Two amino acids before the normal stopcodon of gag.
3. AZT resistance conferring mutations
4. Polymorphism previously described by Alexander et al. (2000), *J. Virol* 74.

Table 2. Genotypic characteristics of the HIV-1 sequences at early versus late time point isolations in the infection

Region in HIV-1	aa number	Early isolate	Late isolate
Pol (p66/p51)	60	V	I
	135	I	T
	215	Y	D
	593	I	V
Rev	51	Q	R
	54	S	A
Nef	9	S	K
	113	I	V
Tat	52	W	R
	100	V	G
Env gp120	43	G	E
	117	N	D
	159	E	A
	187	K	S
	193	V	I
	201	R	K
	207	Q	K
	243	R	G
	343	T	A
	350	R	K
	416	I	G
	439	P	S
	456	G	R
	505	S	P
gp41			

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Table 3. Genotypic characteristics of the HIV-1 sequences isolated late in the infection that replicate fast versus slow in culture

Region in HIV-1	aa number	Fast replication	Slow replication
Pol (p66/p51)	40	E	A
	841	G	D
Rev	18	L	I
	21	F	Y
	84	G	D
Gag	385	N	S
	538	N	S
Vif	9	G	I
	17	H	Y
	61	D	E
	130	R	S
	159	K	Q
Vpr	41	G	V
Env gp120	4	R	K
	31	M	T
gp41	44	K	N
	193	T	A
	329	E	D
	530	E	A
	736	N	E
	752	N	S
	845	G	E
	891	V	I
	937	L	F

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Table 4. Genotypic characteristics of the HIV-1 sequences isolated early in the infection that replicate fast versus slow in culture

Region in HIV-1	aa number	Fast replication	Slow replication
Rev	52	I	Q
	111	E	D
Nef	101	L	F
	197	H	Q
	207	F	Y
Tat	11	C	W
	64	N	T
	85	E	K
Env gp120	4	K	R
	171	I	T
	172	T	S
	392	I	T
gp41	396	R	I
	860	S	G
	910	D	E
	926	S	I

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CLAIMS

1. An isolated human immunodeficiency virus, comprising at least one non revertant mutation capable of delaying or diminishing the pathological behavior of said immunodeficiency virus when compared to a human immunodeficiency virus not having at least one such a mutation.
- 5 2. A virus according to claim 1, comprising at least one amino acid sequence as described in table 1 or 2.
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4. A virus according to claim 2 or 3, which comprises at least one substitution
10 amino acid in said amino acid sequence.
5. A method for obtaining a virus according to anyone of claims 1-4, comprising providing a wild type human immunodeficiency virus with at least one non revertant mutation capable of delaying or diminishing the pathological behavior of said immunodeficiency virus when compared to a
15 human immunodeficiency virus not having at least one such a mutation.
6. A method for obtaining a virus according to claim 1-4, comprising
 - collecting a certain number of strains,
 - sequencing at least part of said strains,
 - comparing obtained sequences with sequences of virus according to claim 1-4,
 - 20 -isolating strains comprising sequence similarities to a virus according to claim 1-4.
7. A method according to claim 6, wherein said strain is amplified before sequencing.
8. A virus obtainable by a method according to claim 6 or 7.
- 25 9. A virus according to anyone of claims 1-4 or 8 for use as a vaccine.
10. Use of a virus according to anyone of claims 1-4 or 8 for the preparation of a vaccine.

11. Use of a virus according to anyone of claims 1-4 or 8 for the preparation of a vaccine for Aids.
12. A vaccine comprising virus according to anyone of claims 1-4 or 8.
13. A method for identifying virus according to anyone of claims 1-4 or 8 in an individual comprising:
- 5 - collecting a sample comprising virus or parts thereof from said individual,
-detecting strains comprising sequence similarities to a virus according to claim 1-4 or 8.
14. A method according to claim 13, wherein said virus is collected by isolating peripheral blood monocyctic cells from said individual.
- 10 15. A method according to claim 13 or 14, wherein said sequence similarities are detected by sequencing.
16. A method according to claim 13 or 14, wherein said sequence similarities are detected by hybridization with probes comprising at least one sequence of virus according to anyone of claims 1-4 or 8.
- 15 17. A method for, at least in part, prophylaxis of Aids, comprising administering a vaccine according to claim 12 to an individual.

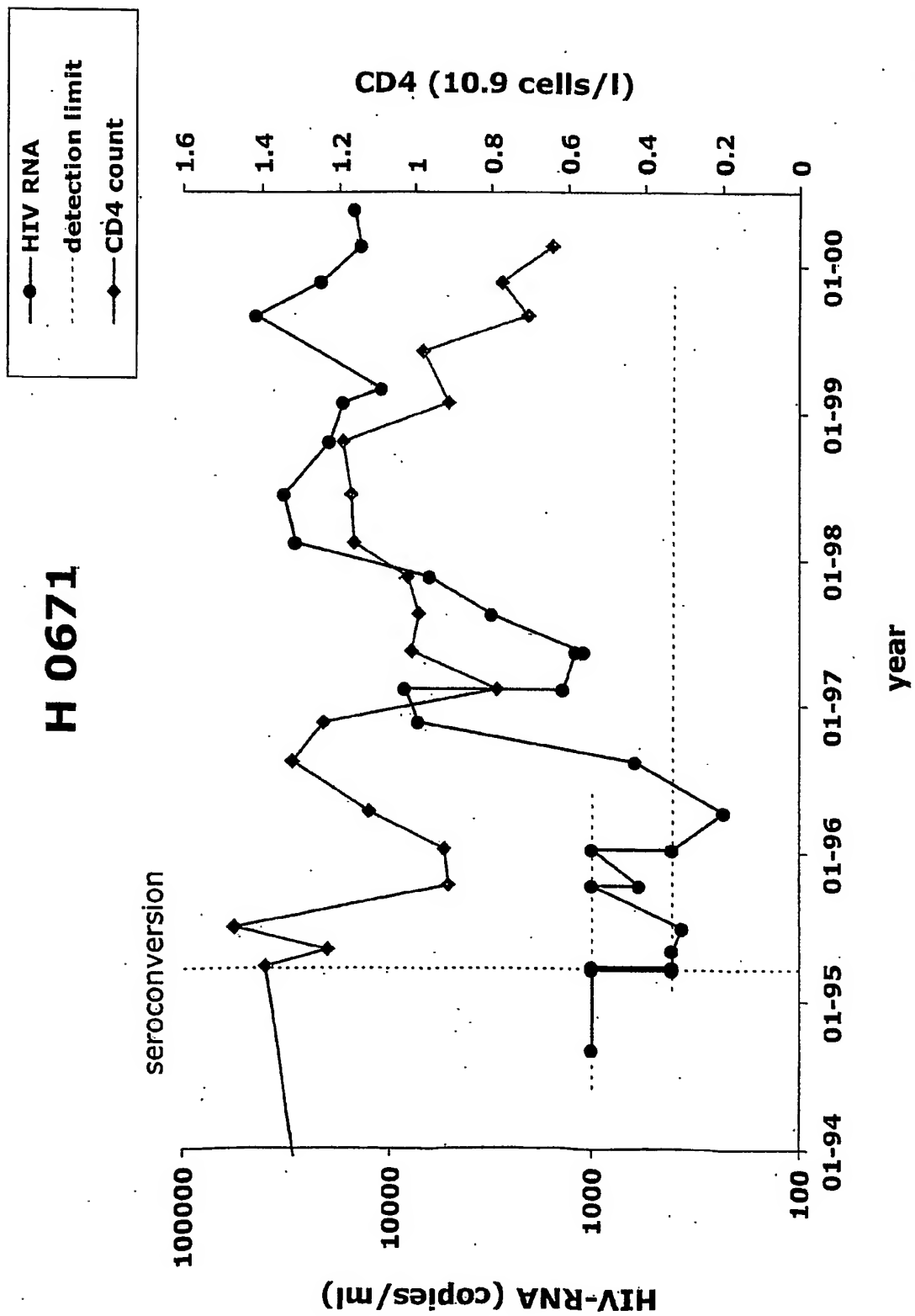


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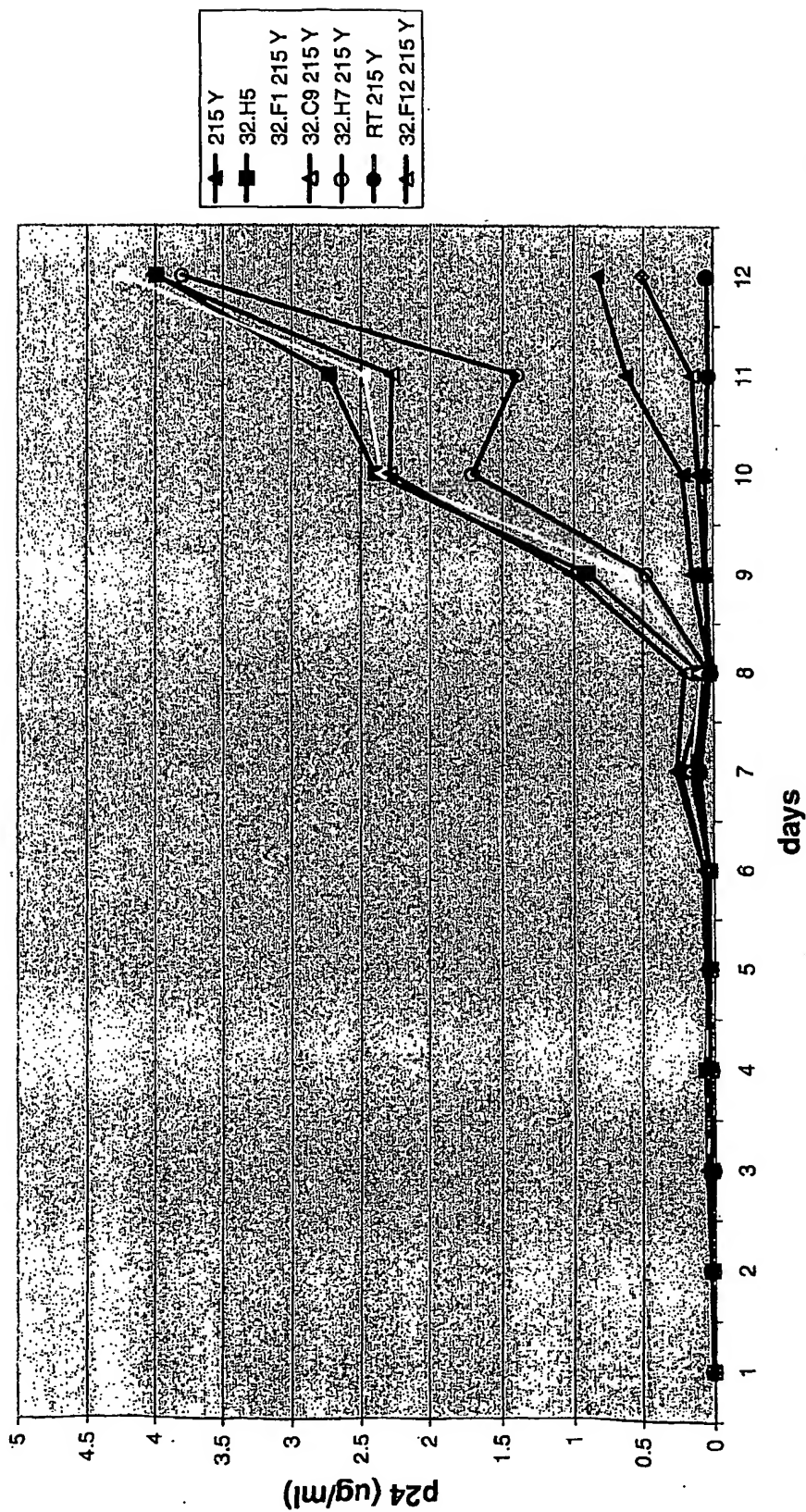


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